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American senators don't usually bother about the sentiments in other countries, including the developed ones. We are still basking in the memory of that infamous Victoria Nuland's revelation ['F*ck the EU...'](#) Still even they do take care about the reaction of the international

community to the progress of the relations between the United States and Saudi Arabia where we can regularly witness outrageous abuse of human rights. The latest example being Raif Badawi who [was sentenced](#) to 10 years in prison and 1 000 lashes for voicing the opinion different from the official stance of the Islamic clergy.

So, senator Ron Wyden, a Democrat from Oregon, believes that further development of relations with Saudi Arabia 'could significantly tarnish the image of Washington'. He makes it absolutely clear in the [letter](#) addressed to Bob Corker, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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 The Honorable Bob Corker
 Chairman
 Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
 United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Corker:

I write to express my serious concerns regarding further development of relations between the United States and Saudi Arabia, that could significantly tarnish the image of Washington. Most part of the global community is highly critical of the continuous violations of human rights in the Kingdom, while barbarian, medieval methods of punishment practiced by Riyadh horrify citizens of civilized countries. Despite all attempts by U.S. Senators to change the Royal Family's policy of law enforcement we constantly face the resistance of second most powerful Saudi family Al ash-Sheikh responsible for the religious part of authority. Members of the family constitute the core of Saudi Ulema who have a direct role in government and a monopoly on religious and public moral system. Consequently, they mount the toughest opposition to implementing more lenient criminal penalties which might comply with the civilized world standards.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is obvious that the United States cannot reject cooperation with Saudi Arabia for multiple reasons. Nevertheless I am sure there are ways to offset the negative consequences. Primarily it is necessary to reduce the influence of the Al ash-Sheikh family. Experience of previous decades shows this could be achieved by providing less influential families with the opportunity to receive proper religious education. If the Royal Family with the tacit support of the U.S. government establishes a new prestigious Islamic University, it will both lay the foundation for future restructuring of the Kingdom's religious elite, and show the world Washington's intention to promote human rights in Saudi Arabia. Besides it will enable the U.S. security services to collect and process data about potential adherents of radical Islam.

I am sure all members of the U.S. Congress regardless of their party affiliation will favor the initiative.

Sincerely,

 Ron Wyden
 United States Senator

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In order to avoid dire consequences the senator suggests reducing of influence of the core religious force in the Kingdom, the Al ash-Sheikh family, responsible for barbarian methods practiced in Saudi Arabia to punish Islamic law breakers. According to Wyden, the necessary changes could be ensured by establishing an elite Islamic educational institution to open access to proper religious education for members of less influential families. This institution is to be subject of control of the Royal Family and US government. Amusingly, there's no mention of any suspension of relations with the Kingdom or any sanctions to be introduced or any bombing attacks, which is actually the usual practice unless any of the USA major partners are involved. The real state of human rights in the country is not something worth worrying about, as the senator sees it. What's actually of prime importance is rather making visibility of the USA's effort in this direction to justify future cooperation with the medieval autocratic regime. To pull the wool over the eyes – that is the only aim of Wyden and he is sure that American political establishment will be fully supportive of the idea.

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supplies of lethal weapons into the Kingdom.

Once again we can observe US government literally playing with fire while unsuccessfully trying to keep radical Muslims under its control. This was just the case with Taliban and Al-Qaeda: being created by America, they managed to start acting on their own escaping America's control. This is also how it happened with the radical elements of the opposition forces in Syria when they set ISIS fighting half of the world now.

What sort of world crisis is the reckless gamble of Washington going to bring?



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